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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies, and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to inform them that the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) is reviewing the active accreditation records of all embassies and consular posts in the United States for employees (other than Ambassadors and Deputy Chiefs of Mission) who have held their current assignment with some level of immunity for more than six years.

Each affected embassy will receive a copy of this circular note by fax and mail, together with an addendum listing the names and assignments of all records for the personnel described above. Each embassy is requested to confirm to OFM whether the individuals remain currently employed in the listed capacity, or whether the accreditation record should be terminated. If responses are not received in OFM by October 15, 2016, the listed records will be terminated. OFM will send a reminder to each embassy in early September.

Embassies are reminded of their obligation under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations to notify OFM promptly of the termination of functions of all employees.

Department of State,

Washington, August 1, 2016.

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